[Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla.]

(*b*) whether any further action has been taken on it ;

(*c*) whether they have taken steps to effect the Chakkulam cutting this year ; and

(*d*) if not, why ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. It is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

(*c*) An estimate has been sanctioned and the work is arranged to be taken up this year itself.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*) above.

Construction of the Kozhencherry Bridge.

20. *** Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the contractor finished the work in 1117 according to the programme he gave for the construction of the Kozhencherry bridge ;

(*b*) if not, why ; and

(*c*) whether there has been any loss of cement stored there for the construction of the bridge and whether it has been found necessary to make special arrangements against the loss of iron rods brought down there for the same purpose ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Want of proper equipment with the contractors such as pumps, tools etc., and failure to employ sufficient labour for speedy progress.

(*c*) Yes.

Cement.

21. *** Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they get cement in sufficient quantity ;

(*b*) whether the people get cement in sufficient quantity ; and

(*c*) if the answer be in the negative, the reason for the same ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Due to the great demand for war purposes.

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